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COUNTRY HUNGARY		50X1-HUM		
SUBJECT REBELLION IN TATA				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DURING THE MORNING OF 25 OCTOBER, A CROWD GATHERED IN THE MAIN SQUARE IN TATA AND PULLED DOWN THE SOVIET MONUMENT THERE. THE CHAUFFEUR OF A HUNGARIAN OFFICER WHO TRIED TO INTERVENE FIRED A SHOT INTO THE CROWD WHEN THE OFFICER WAS MANHANDLED. THE CHAUFFEUR AND THE OFFICER WERE BEATEN AND DISABLED. 2. THE CROWD SPENT THE AFTERNOON IN DISARMING POLICEMEN, MOST OF WHOM WILLINGLY SURRENDERED THEIR WEAPONS. AT 2000 HOURS, THE CROWD STORMED THE POLICE STATION. SEVERAL PEOPLE WERE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED AND ONE KILLED, BUT THE STATION WAS OCCUPIED AND THE POLICE DISARMED. 3. THE CROWD MOVED ON TO THE ARMORED OFFICERS' SCHOOL IN TATA. THE TROOPS THERE PREPARED FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THE CROWD AND TOLD IT OVER THE LOUDSPEAKER TO DISPERSE, BUT EXPRESSED SYMPATHY FOR THE INSURGENTS. THE CROWD TURNED BACK, BUT WAS IN ONE INSTANCE FIRED ON BY ONE TANK. 				
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4. THE SAME EVENING, THE TATA POLICE STATION WAS RECAPTURED BY A LOYALIST GROUP MADE UP OF SECRET POLICE (AVH) FROM TATABANYA AND TATA POLICE WITH NEW WEAPONS. THERE WERE MANY CASUALTIES. FIGHTING CONTINUED UNTIL LATE ON 26 OR 27 OCTOBER. A CEASE-FIRE WAS THEN ACCEPTED BY BOTH SIDES. THE AVH WAS THEN IN CONTROL OF THE POLICE STATION, BUT THEY AND ALL COMMUNISTS DECLARED THEY WERE READY TO JOIN THE INSURGENTS. ARRESTED INSURGENTS WERE RELEASED AND THEIR WEAPONS RETURNED TO THEM.
5. THE MOST IMPORTANT GROUP IN THE TATA REBELLION ARE THE WORKERS FROM THE NEARBY COAL FIELDS. A WORKERS' COUNCIL HAS REPLACED THE CITY COUNCIL IN TATA. HOWEVER, IT IS NOT CERTAIN THAT THE POWER OF THE REVOLUTIONARIES HAS BEEN CONSOLIDATED.

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